ARTICLES

OF

VISITATION and ENQUIRY

Concerning Matters

Ecclesiastical,

EXHIBITED

To the Ministers, Church-wardens and Side-men, of every Parish within the

Archdeaconry of Winchester.

IN THE

VISITATION

of the Reverend

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The Tenor of the Oath of the Church-Wardens and Sworn-men.

YOU shall Swear, That you, and every of you, shall faithfully execute your several Offices of Church-wardens and Side-men, according to the Kings Laws, and to the best of your skill and knowledge. *So help you God, and the Contents of his holy Gospel.*

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TIT. I.

Concerning Churches, Chapels, with the Ornaments and Furniture thereunto belonging.

IS your Pariſh-Church, or Chapel, in good and ſufficient repair, both for the Roof, Windows, Floor, and Seats? *Can.* 85.

2. Hath any part of your Church, Chapel, or Steeple been demoliſhed or pulled down? what part, and how long ſince? or any of the Lead, Timber, or Bells thereunto formerly belonging, any way imbezled or ſold, and by whom?

3. Is there a decent Font of Stone, with a Cover? Doth the Miniſter Baptize publickly only in the Font? Is there a decent Communion-Table in your Chancel, with a decent Carpet to cover it on Sundays, and Holy-days, and another Covering of White Linen, to be ſpread thereon at the time of the Adminiſtration of the Lords Supper? and have you a fair Chalice or Communion-Cup, with a Cover, and one or more Flagons? have they been prophaned by common uſe? Is the Table kept from laying on of Hats, or being Sate on, or for writing Accounts on, or other ordinary uſes? 81 82.

4. Have you a convenient Seat or Pew wherein to read Divine Service, a Pulpit with a decent Cloth or Cuſhion, a large Bible of the laſt Tranſlation, and a Book of Common-Prayer lately publiſhed, *An.* 1662. the Book of Homilies ſet forth by Authority, and a Printed Table of the degrees wherein Marriages are prohibited, and a Book of Canons and Conſtitutions Eccleſiaſtical, and a decent Surplice and Hood? 20 82 83 80 *Stat.* 99

5. Have ye a Regiſter-Book in Parchment of Chriſtnings, Burials, and Marriages? and is the ſame kept in all points according to the Ancient uſe? 58 87 70

6. Have you a Book of Paper, to record the Names and Licences of ſuch Strangers as are admitted to Preach in your Church or Chapel? and do ſuch Strangers ſubſcribe their names? as alſo a Book for the Church-wardens 52

wardens Accounts? as also a Chest with Locks and Keys, wherein to keep the said Books, and the aforementioned Furniture?

TIT. II.

Concerning the Church-yard, the Houses, Glebes, and Tithes, belonging to the Church.

1. IS your Church-yard sufficiently fenced, and decently kept? Hath any person encroached upon the same, or made any door in it? and how long since? Have any Trees been cut down, and by whom?

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2. Is the House of your Parson, Vicar, or Curate; and the Out-houses in good repair? have any of them been defaced or pulled down without licence? have there been any encroachments made upon the same? or any of the ancient marks or bounds removed or changed? and by whom?

Lind. de Offic. Archid. C. 87.

3. Have ye a true and perfect Terrier of all the Glebe-lands, Gardens, Orchards, Tenements, or Cottages belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage? as also a Note of such Pensions, or Rate-Tythes, and Portions of Tythes, or other yearly Profits (either within or without your Parish) as belong thereunto? Have any of the same been with-held from your Minister? and by whom, as you know or have heard?

TIT. III.

Concerning Ministers.

Q. Eliz. Inj. 26. Can. 6. 13 Eliz. c. 12.

1. IS your Minister a Priest or Deacon Episcopally ordained according to the Laws of the Church of *England*? And hath he been Legally Instituted and Inducted, and did He within two months after his Induction, publickly in the Church upon some Sunday or Holy-day in the time of Divine Service, read the Thirty nine Articles of the Church of *England* established by Authority, and there publickly declare his assent thereunto? And did he according to the Act of Uniformity, 14 *Car.* 2. two months after he had the possession of his Living, publickly read Morning and Evening Prayer, and declare his unfeigned Assent and Consent unto it? and did he subscribe, and publish those other Declarations as that Law directs?

Can. 41.

2. Is he resident among you? how many Weeks hath he been absent from you in the whole year, without urgent necessity?

Can 47. 48.

3. Hath your Minister a Curate? Is he in Holy Orders, and conformable to the Laws of the Church? is he allowed by the Ordinary? and is he absent from the place of his Cure above 40 days in a year.

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4. Doth your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer, if you have any, perform his Office in all things according to the Rubrick of the Book of Common-Prayer lately established, and the Act of Uniformity published therewith? without either diminishing in regard of Preaching, or in any other respect, or adding any thing in the matter or Form?

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5. Doth your Minister at the reading of Divine Service, or administrating the Sacraments, wear a Surplice and Hood?

6. Doth he observe Holydays and Fasting-days, the Ember weeks and the

the yearly Perambulation of Rogation-week, as is appointed by the Rubrick? Q. Eliz. Injunct.

7. Is your Minister licensed to Preach? if so? doth he constantly (not having reasonable impediment) Preach one Sermon in your Church or Chapel every Sunday? or if he be not licensed, or be hindred, doth he procure one to supply his Office by Preaching or Reading one of the Homilies? 45, 46, 47.

8. Doth your Minister instruct the youth in your Parish in the Church-Catechism, and prepare and present them to be confirmed by the Bishop. Can. 59. Rubr. before Confirm.

9. Doth he neglect or delay to Visit the Sick, or to Baptize any Infant that is in danger of Death? Doth he baptize any without Godfathers and Godmothers, or admit either of the Parents to be Godfather or Godmother to their own Children? 67. 69.

10. Hath your Minister married any persons without publishing the Banes on three Sundays or Holy-days? unless he had a Licence or Dispensation so to do: or hath he married any in private houses, or not between the hours of Eight and Twelve in the Morning? 62.

11. Doth your Minister or any other, either Minister or Lay-person, hold any Conventicles or Meetings in private houses within your Parish, for people of several Families to resort unto, under the pretence of Preaching, Praying, Thanksgiving, or Humiliation, contrary to the Laws and Canons in that case provided? 72. 73.

12. Is your Parson, Vicar, Curate or Lecturer, a man of a sober life and conversation? or is his carriage in any kind disorderly or scandalous, and unbeseeming a Minister? 75.

13. Doth your Minister give in to the Bishop, or his Chancellour every year, within 20 days after Easter, the names both of Male and Female in his Parish, that are above the age of sixteen years, who received not the Sacrament of the Supper, as they are requir'd by Law, and of those persons who refused to be Catechized, and the names of those Parents and Masters who do not send their Children and Servants to be Catechized? Can. An. 1571.

TIT. IV.

Concerning the Parishioners.

1. IS there any in your Parish that make profession of any other Religion, than what is established in the Church of *England*? And that refuse to come to the Publick Assemblies, Prayers, or Service of the Church? If there be any, what are their names? *Ab for* Uniformity 1. Q. Eliz. C. 109.

2. Is there any person in your Parish, that lieth under a common fame, or suspicion of Adultery, Fornication, or Incest? Are there any common Drunkards within your Parish, or common Swearers, or Blasphemers of Gods Name, or any that are noted to be Railers, unclean and filthy Talkers, or sowers of Sedition, Faction, and Discord amongst their neighbours?

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Can. 13. Stat. Can. 18. Rubr.

3. Doth every person in your Parish duly resort to your Church or Chapel upon Sundays and Holy-days, and as well during Divine Service, as Preaching the Word of God, demean themselves reverently, uncovering their Heads, kneeling at Prayers, standing up when the Creed and Gospel are read?

Rubr. of Bapt.

4. Is there any in your Parish that refuse to send their Infant-children to be Baptized in the Church, unless in case of urgent danger? or do they send them to be Baptized in other Parishes? or are they Baptized after other form than this appointed? or are there any Infants, or more aged persons as yet unbaptized?

112. Rubr. after Comm. Can. 27, 28.

5. Is there any person in your Parish of 16. years of age, who doth not receive the Sacrament three times in the year, of which *Easter* is always to be one? Doth any refuse to receive it kneeling? And is it given to strangers of other Parishes?

27. 28. 63.

6. Are there any in your Parish that be denounced and declared Excommunicate for any crime committed? how long have they been so excommunicated? and do any of your Parish keep society with them before they be reconciled to the Church, and absolved?

99. 107. *Expreſt in a Table ſet forth by Authority, An. Dom.* 1563.

7. Are there any living in your Parish, who have been unlawfully Married, contrary to the Laws of God? or any that being lawfully Married, and not separated or Divorced by course of Law, do not cohabit together?

8. Are there any Married women in your Parish, who after their Delivery from the peril of Child-birth, refuse to make their publick Thanksgiving to God in the Church? And when they come so to do, do they come decently apparelled, and make their Offerings according to Custom?

Rubr. Can. 85. 27 H. 8. 20.

9. Are there any that refuse to pay their duty for *Easter* Offerings, or refuse to contribute to the Rates made for the repair of your Church or Chapel, or any thing thereunto belonging?

Rubr. b. Can. 91. 21 H. 8. 5.

10. Do any refuse to bury their Dead according to the Rites of the Church of *England*? and are there any Wills or Testaments of persons dead in your Parish, that be yet unproved? or any Goods administred without a due Grant from the Ordinary? did any dying in your Parish, or elsewhere leave any Legacy to your Church or Chapel, or to the use of the Poor, or to any other Pious and Charitable purposes? What were those Legacies, and how have they been bestowed?

TIT. V.

Concerning Parish-Clerks and Sextons.

Can. 91.

1. HAve you belonging to your Church or Chapel a Parish-Clerk, aged 21 years at the least? Is he of honest life and conversation? and sufficient or able to perform his duty in reading, writing,

and

and singing? is he chosen by your Minister, and doth he duly attend him in all Divine Services at the Church? are his wages duly paid unto him? or who with-holdeth the same from him?

2. Doth he diligently do his duty in keeping the Church clean and decent, in tolling and ringing the Bells before Divine Service; and when any person is passing out of this life, doth he upon notice, toll a Bell, that the neighbours may thereby be warned to recommend the dying person to the grace and favour of God?

TIT. VI.

Concerning School-Masters, Schools, Physicians, Chirurgeons and Midwives.

1. DOth any man keep a publick or private School in your Parish, who is not allowed thereunto by his Ordinary? doth he teach his Scholars the Catechism of Religion set forth by Authority? and doth he teach them any other Grammar than what is heretofore Licensed by the King? doth he cause his Scholars upon Sundays and Holy-days orderly to repair to your Church or Chapel, and see that they behave themselves quietly and reverently during the time of Divine Service and Sermon? Can. 77. 79.

2. Doth any in your Parish practise Physick or Chirurgery? or any Woman take upon her to exercise the Office of a Midwife without Licence from the Ordinary?

TIT. VII.

Concerning Church-wardens and Sidemen.

1. ARE the Church-wardens of your Parish yearly and duly chosen by the joint consent of your Minister and Parishioners? or one of them by your Minister, and the other by the Parishioners? Can. 8.

2. Have the former and last Church-wardens given up their Accounts to the Parish, and delivered up to the succeeding Church-wardens the Moneys remaining in their hands, together with all other things belonging to your Church or Chapel?

3. Do the Church-wardens take notice of those that absent themselves from Divine Service and Sermon, on Sundays and Holy-days, and by warrant from some Justices of the peace, levy Twelve pence for every day of their absence? Can. 9. 1 Eliz.

4. You are further to understand, That according to your Office, you are to provide against every Communion appointed in your Church or Chapel, a sufficient quantity of fine white Bread, and of good Wine, according to the number of Communicants. Rubr. Comm.

You are also to exhibit a Bill of Presentments to this Court, of the Offenders in your Parish, and therein to take the assistance of your Minister, according to these Articles exhibited unto you.

For the better instructing you to make your Terriers, the Ch[illegible] wardens are to be assistant to the Ministers in observing [illegible] rules.

1. You are to express what Houses belong to your Ministers, how many Bays of Building, what Houses, Barns or Stables, what Orchards and Gardens, and the quantity thereof?

2. What Glebe-lands belong to the Minister? how Butted and Bounded? of what quantity? whether Arable, Meadow, or Pasture? whether have they been changed, and for what? by whose Authority and by whom decained?

3. What Lands or Estates are Tithe-free, and upon what Accounts as you have heard? what Compositions are there in your Parish, and what do they pay in lieu of Tithes?

4. What are the Customs of your Parish for Tithes? As for Mortuaries, Offerings, Aftermeath, Agistment, Herbage, Milk, Calves, Lambs, and the like? what Beast-pastures, or right of Common, are due to the Minister?

5. What Tithes belong to the Impropriator? what to the Vicar? what portions of Tithes are due to or from your Church?

6. What Augmentations have been added to your Church [illegible] the Twelfth year of our late Sovereigns Reign, how are they continued, and by whom paid, according to the Act of Parliament made the Twenty Ninth of the late King, for the confirming and perpetuating Augmentations made by Ecclesiastical persons to small Vicaridges, and Curacies?

7. This Terrier thus made, one Copy is to be laid in the [illegible] Chest, and the other in the Bishops Registry, there to remain for perpetual Memory thereof. And the Minister is desired to take [illegible] that it be exact, and complete, and delivered in as aforesaid, [illegible] his Hand and Seal.

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